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Art Unit: 1647

For: Methods of Treatment Using Antibodies to

Neutrokine-alpha (As Amended)

Examiner: B. E. Bunner

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of a claim of the subject application, Agent for Applicants hereby directs the Examiner's attention to reference H1 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of H1 is enclosed.

Identification of the listed reference is not to be construed as an admission of any individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Furthermore, Applicants do not waive any rights to take appropriate action to establish patentability over any of the listed document should it be applied as references against the claims of the subject application.

The listed reference is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a) concerning the Examiner's duty to consider and use any such information. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the listed reference of record in the file history of the application, and consider the information contained therein during the prosecution of this application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R.

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	H1	Serono International SA's Reply filed in the European Patent Office on August 24, 2005 in conjunction with its Opposition of EP Patent No. 1146892.			

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§ 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution, but before payment of the Issue Fee, the Patent and Trademark Office will consider this Information Disclosure Statement if it is accompanied by a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and by the fee as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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Accordingly, the undersigned certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2) that item H1 contained in the Form PTO/SB/08 submitted herewith was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Moreover, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, item H1 contained in the Form PTO/SB/08 submitted herewith was not known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants are submitting H1 to inform the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the status of Opposition Proceedings in Europe against EP Patent No. 1146892 issued to Biogen Inc. and Apoxis SA (Biogen/Apoxis) in which the claims at issue are related to the claims of the instant application. EP Patent No. 1146892 was opposed by Human Genome Sciences Inc. (HGS) and Serono International SA (Serono) in May of 2004. In March 2005, Biogen/Apoxis filed a reply to HGS' and Serono's Oppositions in the European Patent Office (EPO). Copies of EP Patent No. 1146892, HGS' and Serono's Oppositions and Biogen/Apoxis' Reply to the Oppositions were previously submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in conjunction with this application on June 10, 2005. Reference H1, submitted herewith, is Serono's submission to the EPO in reply to Biogen/Apoxis' March 2005 submission to the EPO. H1 was submitted to the EPO on August 24, 2005. Applicants also provide courtesy copies of the 3 supporting documents listed as enclosures on page 31 of reference H1.

Applicants also wish to draw the Examiner's attention to HGS' Reply to Biogen/Apoxis' March 2005 submission to the EPO (HGS' Reply). HGS' Reply was filed in the EPO on September 19, 2005 with 10 new supporting documents listed as documents C16-C25 on pages 41-42 of HGS' Reply. Courtesy copies of HGS' Reply and documents C16-C25 are also provided herewith.

The Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$180.00 as payment of the required fee, as itemized on the Fee Transmittal Sheet submitted concurrently herewith. The Patent & Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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